



## Federal Grant Approved For Sewage Plant

Southport has been awarded a \$64,000 federal grant for the long awaited sewage disposal system and work will start within the next three months, city officials said this week.

"This clears the way for drawing up plans and specifications for the project," Mayor E. B. Tomlinson said. "We will be able to start the project within 90 to 120 days."

The announcement of the federal grant of \$64,000 for the sewage disposal system was made by Congressman Alton Lennon Tuesday.

City Manager C. D. Pickerrell estimates that the project will cost about \$200,000. Plans call for locating the new sewage disposal system near the Small Boat Harbor.

Considerable work has been completed by town officials looking toward receiving this grant, City Manager Pickerrell said. Under study has been several types of systems.

He said a conventional sewage disposal "package plant" should be under construction by March providing bids fall within the limitation of available funds and the State Stream Sanitation Committee approves the plan.

The town has acquired two acres of property for the sewage plant, Pickerrell explained, in a section southwest of the harbor.

## Former Health Officer Passes

Dr. Floyd Johnson, an outstanding leader in the civic, social, business and everyday life of Columbus County for well over half a century, died at Columbus County Hospital at 2 p. m. Monday. He was 82 years old.

Dr. Johnson had retired in 1961 after serving 40 years as Columbus County Health Officer. Had he lived until Jan. 5, 1965, he would have been 83 years old. Hospitalized since Dec. 19, he had been ill for several months and in failing health for several years.

### Rites On Tuesday

Final rites were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at McKenzie's Chapel by his pastor, the Rev. A. D. Byrd of Whiteville Methodist Church, with burial in Whiteville Memorial Cemetery.

The widely-known physician came to Columbus County in 1905 and fell in love with the area and its people. He remained to become one of the populace and a part of the country with which he cast his lot. And, many Columbus Countians learned to love and respect him as he had them.

In "North Carolina" A well-earned tribute to the veteran doctor came as early as 1928 when The American Historical Society's "North Carolina"—a biography of prominent people of the state written by a special staff—contained the following note:

"Floyd Johnson, M. D. Since 1921 the health and sanitation of the flourishing community of Whiteville have been under the supervision of Dr. Floyd Johnson, A capable and thoroughly experienced physician and surgeon, he has contributed greatly to the betterment of his community in a professional capacity, and as a

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## Woman's Body Poses Mystery

Though an autopsy has revealed no indication of violent death, Columbus County officers are still investigating the possibility of such in the case of an unidentified woman's body found in the Freeman area, Christmas Day.

Coroner J. B. Long, Jr. said the body was in such a bad state of decomposition when found by a group of bird-hunters, that it has not been possible to tell the race of the dead woman.

The body was found on the bank of a canal in a field bordering on Livingston Creek, some 3-4 miles southeast of Freeman, Long stated. The site of the find was some three-quarters of a mile south of Cheerful Hope Baptist Church.

Long said a group of bird-hunters, led by Burnice Malpass, Chadbourn jeweler and a native of the Delco-Freeman area, discovered the body while hunting about noon, Christmas Day. The coroner's report said the finders noticed the body and thought it was possibly that of a deer, but upon coming closer found it was that of a humcn.

Malpass notified Walter Farmer, deputy sheriff of the area, and he, in turn notified Sheriff Ben Duke and the latter, along with Deputy Clayton Norton went to the scene. Coroner Long was also notified and came later.

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# Crab Processing Plant Will Be Located In Southport

## Shalotte Office

## Frink And Prevatte Merge

S. Bunn Frink and E. J. Prevatte announce that effective January 1 they will be associated in the general practice of law as the firm of Frink and Prevatte, with offices at Southport and Shalotte.

It is planned that Prevatte will be located in Southport and Frink in the Shalotte area. Several months ago the latter sold his home in Southport and he plans to build either in Shalotte or at Sunset Beach. The firm will rent office space in Shalotte, but the partners plan the construction of a new building on Dry street in Southport during the coming year.

Frink is the senior member of the Brunswick County Bar Association having opened his practice in 1935 following his first term as State senator. He was associated with D. C. Herring for several years following World War II, but this has been his only previous partnership.

Prevatte came to Southport 25 years ago and became associated with the late C. Ed Taylor in the firm of Taylor & Prevatte. Following World War II he entered into a partnership with Ray H.



S. BUNN FRINK

Walton as Prevatte & Walton. This was dissolved when he returned briefly to his native Robeson county to practice law. He became the law partner of J. C. Bowman several years ago, but when the latter was elected dis-



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trict solicitor the firm was dissolved in order not to impose restrictions upon Prevatte in accepting criminal cases.

Frink currently is in Florida on vacation but plans to return to Brunswick county about January 10.

C. B. Caroon of Lowland has purchased the North Carolina Fisheries building at the foot of Kingsley street in Southport and will begin about the first of the year to get it in readiness for the operation of a crab processing plant. He hopes to be working by March 1.

The announcement was made by William Powell, chairman of the Brunswick County Resources Development Commission, who has been working with Caroon on this project.

Caroon has been engaged in the crab business for the past twenty years and has operated Caroon Brothers Seafood in partnership with his brother. This has been a highly successful operation, but he believes that this section of the North Carolina coast holds bright prospect for an enterprise of this kind and is making a move to this new location.

Caroon says that he plans to begin with about 25 pickers and other employees and that he hopes to be using fifty persons by the end of the year. He says that processing crab meat is a specialized operation and prospective workers must be trained for this work. He will announce plans for that later.

Caroon says that he is anxious to make contact with fishermen in this area about furnishing crabs for his plant at Southport. Already there are several men who are engaged in crab pot fishing, and they have been shipping their catch. Caroon hopes to start buying crabs by the middle of January, and until his plant here is ready to go he will ship them to the plant at Lowland for processing.

Caroon plans to produce fresh crab meat which will be distributed without going through a freezing process. There will be three grades: the choice, which comes from the back fin; the regular, which includes the white body meat; and the claw meat. He anticipates no difficulty in marketing his product, since he has developed some valuable business contacts in his years of operation.

The necessary equipment, including boilers, steamers, cookers and refrigeration units, are now being assembled and will begin to arrive soon after the first of January. Caroon plans to rebuild the dock extending from the plant to deep water in the river. Caroon is married and he and his wife have five sons, ranging

## New Law Office For Shalotte

The law firm of Herring, Walton, Parker & Powell will open an office in Shalotte this week, one of the partners announced today (Wednesday). It will be located upstairs over Coastal Drug Store, but plans for a new building are under consideration.

There has been no definite announcement concerning personnel affected by the opening of this new office. Ernest E. Parker, one of the members of the firm, is a native of Shalotte and Ray H. Walton, another partner, is a native of the Hickman's Crossroads section. D. C. Herring and William Powell are the other two members of the firm.

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

HIGH	LOW
Thursday, December 31,	
6:15 A. M.	12:38 A. M.
6:24 P. M.	
Friday, January 1,	
6:55 A. M.	6:37 A. M.
7:00 P. M.	1:18 P. M.
Saturday, January 2,	
7:35 A. M.	1:17 A. M.
7:40 P. M.	1:59 P. M.
Sunday, January 3,	
8:13 A. M.	1:56 A. M.
8:17 P. M.	2:40 P. M.
Monday, January 4,	
8:49 A. M.	2:34 A. M.
8:53 P. M.	3:18 P. M.
Tuesday, January 5,	
9:22 A. M.	3:11 A. M.
9:27 P. M.	3:56 P. M.
Wednesday, January 6,	
9:56 A. M.	3:45 A. M.
10:03 P. M.	4:33 P. M.

## Little Change In Feed Grain Plan This Year

The 1965 feed grain program will keep total price-support levels for cooperators about the same as for 1964, says Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service Manager Ralph L. Price of Shalotte.

"Within the total price-support rates, loan levels have been increased with a corresponding increase in payment rates," Manager Price declared. "Diversion payment rates will remain the same as in 1964."

He pointed out that the 1965 program has been designed to maintain participants incomes at least as high as current levels. He also stressed that the program will help maintain overall feed grain income for producers at near current levels, or about a billion dollars a year higher than with previous feed grain programs.

"Changes within the total price support rate were made to en-

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## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**CITY TAGS ON SALE**  
Southport city license plates with the new slogan "Harbor By The Sea," are on sale at the City Hall now.

**CONDITION IMPROVED**  
The condition of Sheriff E. V. Leonard, a patient in a Wilmington Hospital, is improved following an operation performed last week.

**BENEFIT OYSTER ROAST**  
The Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church will sponsor a benefit Oyster Roast on Saturday at Ennie Long's Garage (on U. S. 17 — in front of Maude's station) from 5-9 p. m. All proceeds will go toward the new church building fund. Home-made cakes and pies will also be on sale. The public is cordially invited.

**NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**  
City and county offices and financial institutions at Southport and Shalotte will be closed Friday in observance of New Year's Day. The city office, the banks and the savings and loan will be open for business Saturday morning. Most of the mercantile firms in the county will observe normal business routine Friday.

## Southport Man To Manage Boat Basin

A Southport charter boat captain was employed as manager of the Southport Small Boat Harbor, which is now under construction, during a special meeting at the City Hall Wednesday morning.

H. A. Schmidt, captain of the Idle on II, was selected for the position by members of the Southport Small Boat Terminal committee of the State Ports Authority. Committee Chairman Cooper Cass of Winston-Salem made the announcement.

As the new manager, Schmidt will have complete charge of the operations of the Southport harbor, subject to the direction of Executive Director James W. Davis. Schmidt will employ all persons necessary for the effective operation of the facility. Director Davis will set the salaries of all employees.

The Southport man will be responsible for maintaining good office procedures and all accounting record. He will also be in charge of handling and spacing all small craft up to 60 feet in length.

For his services as manager of the Southport harbor, Schmidt will receive a salary in a range between \$5,400 and \$7,400.

Before being accepted for the new position, Schmidt was interviewed for about one hour by Chairman Cass, Louis Fickden and E. G. Anderson, members of SPA's Southport committee, Director Davis, and his assistant Ralph Devane. Schmidt was the only man interviewed by the group.

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## Seashore Group Meeting Planned

The North Carolina Seashore Commission will meet next Thursday at the Kinstonian Motel in Kinston and city and county officials and others who have problem relating to beach erosion and dune restoration are invited to attend.

Committee meetings will be held, starting at 11 o'clock. At 2 o'clock the public hearing will be opened in the assembly room of the motel. At this time committees will make their reports and projects now underway and others that are being contemplated will be discussed. This will be the last meeting of the Seashore Commission during the Sanford administration.

## Assistance For Watershed Work Given Approval

Approval for Federal assistance for carrying out the Caw Caw Swamp Watershed Project in Brunswick County was announced this week by Congressman Alton Lennon.

Brunswick County Soil Conservationist Billy Foutz of Shalotte said a survey team headed by Ray Pridden of Pender county, will begin work in the new watershed Monday. It is hoped the three or four man crew will be composed of Brunswick county men. Foutz said. They will establish the location of the ditch. The project should take about two months.

The project, to be carried out in five years, is designed to provide watershed protection, flood prevention, and drainage in the 23,700-acre watershed. It is a local undertaking with Federal assistance under the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566, Congressman Lennon said.

Project sponsor is the Lower Cape Fear Soil and Water Conservation District in North Carolina. Federal participation for carrying out the locally developed plan was approved on December 23, 1964, by Joseph P. Kuykendall, State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

With Federal funds available, assistance can be provided immediately for accelerating the installation of land treatment me-

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## County Has 10th Highway Death

Robert L. Johnson, Brunswick county Negro man, became the 10th highway fatality for 1964 when he was struck down by a car driven by a white woman on Highway No. 17 Friday night.

He was 31 years of age. The fatality is being investigated by Patrolman Billy Day of Shalotte. There were only 7 highway deaths in Brunswick during 1963.

## Southport Boy Critically Hurt

Johnnie Brown, popular Southport youngster and the son of Clerk of Court and Mrs. Jack Brown, was critically injured Tuesday morning when the go-cart he was operating on one of the paved streets in Oak Island Estates went out of control and ran underneath a parked truck trailer.

The miniature motorized vehicle was traveling at a high speed when it rounded a curve and failed to make the turn safely. It plunged beneath the larger vehicle, which had been parked there for several months, and left not enough room for head clearance for the driver.

The resulting impact caused a broken neck, a broken jaw, a concussion and the loss of several teeth. He was rushed to Dasher Memorial Hospital in Southport, thence to Wilmington where his condition still is considered to be critical. An operation was performed Tuesday night in preparation for further treatment involving use of traction devices and a cast.

He is 14 years of age and is a student at Southport High School where he was a member of the football squad last fall. Previously he had served as manager for one of the athletic teams. He also has been actively identified with Boy Scout activities.

Johnnie is the youngest child of the Brown's and is their only son. His mother is a registered nurse.

There was no eye-witness to the accident. He was accompanied by young Tim Smith, who was driving a go-cart which he had received for Christmas. He was riding ahead, and was not looking when the cart being driven by the Brown youngster was involved in the accident.

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## TIME and TIDE

It was December 30, 1959, and Lt. Colonel William S. Norman, commanding officer at Sunny Point, announced that he would retire at the end of the month and be replaced at the Brunswick county military base by Lt. Colonel Johnnie D. Duffie.

Dr. Walter Harrelson of Southport accepted a position as professor of Old Testament at Vanderbilt University. Governor Luther Hodges said a survey would soon be made to determine the feasibility of establishing the Southport to Fort Fisher ferry.

It was December 29, 1954, and Dr. Norman M. Hornstein resigned as the Brunswick county health officer to devote more time to the private practice of medicine. Tax listing in the townships was to start Monday.

Judge Earl Bellamy ordered the \$2,662.39 due the county in unpaid fines and costs be paid immediately or the jail terms would be imposed. Elwood Mintz, son of Mrs. H. L. Mintz of Shalotte, accepted the position of assistant editor in the Division of Agricultural information at State College.

It was December 28, 1949, and Orton Plantation was the scene of an old time Christmas party for its 150 employees. A fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen F. Smith near Navassa Saturday afternoon.